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This application is related to U.S. patent application serial number 09/676,356 (Attorney Docket 50275-0016), entitled "Selection Of Evaluation Point Locations Based on Proximity Effects Model Amplitudes For Correcting Proximity Effects In A Fabrication Layout," filed on September 29, 2000, invented by Christophe Pierrat and Youping Zhang.

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